## CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 12, 2015

Commissioners Present: Dale Tuck, Chairman

Gary Martin, Chairman Pro-Tem

Matt Foster Jordan Hubbard Larry Odom

Also Present: Bill Fann, City Manager

Carey Pilgrim, City Attorney Carol Crawford, City Clerk

#### **PUBLIC HEARING - 2015 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION**

Grant consultants from Allen-Smith Consulting appeared before the Commission regarding the CDBG grant project for Second Street, Third Street, Slusser Street and along Cedar Creek. The Section 3 grant is a \$500,000 grant for 70% low to moderate income. A resident on the west side of Second Street spoke "for" the sewer infrastructure project, there were no public comments "against" the project.

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dale Tuck called the meeting to order. Corey Smith gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

#### COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Odom nominated Commissioner Tuck to the position of Chairman of the City Commission, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Commissioner Tuck as Chairman of the City Commission.

Commissioner Foster nominated Commissioner Martin to the position of Commission Chair Pro-Tem, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Commissioner Martin as Commission Chair Pro-Tem.

#### **AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of December 8, 2014 and the Work Session Minutes of January 5, 2015.

# PROCLAMATION - 7 & 8 YEAR OLD FLEA ALL STAR FOOTBALL TEAM

Chairman Tuck read a proclamation recognizing the team players and coaches of the Cedartown Recreation 7 & 8 Year Old Flea All Star Football Team in recognition of their athletic accomplishments.

## PRESENTATION - POLICE CLERK SALLY MAEDGEN

Cedartown Police Clerk Sally Maedgen was recognized by the City Commission for her years of service to the Cedartown Police Department.

# EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY RECOGNITION

The following Cedartown employees were recognized for their years of service through December 31, 2014: Greg Cooper – 20 years, Stacy Cooper – 10 years, Kelvin Garmon – 30 years, Sally Maedgen – 15 years, Donnie McKibben – 5 years, Andre Nicholson – 15 years, Joy Nolen – 20 years, Ramona Ruark – 5 years, Nick Runyon – 15 years, Reed Runyon – 10 years, Kevin Watters – 20 years, Kyle Watters – 15 years and Felix White – 20 years.

## PRESENTATION OF THE EMILY SHAW ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Chief Water Billing Clerk Cheryl Davis was presented the Emily Shaw Administration Award.

# PRESENTATION OF THE BOBBY ALEXANDER PUBLIC WORKS AWARD

Water Plant Operator Gary McBryde was presented the Bobby Alexander Public Works Award.

## PRESENTATION OF THE RAY MERRITT PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD

Police Certification Officer Teress Henderson was presented the Ray Merritt Public Safety Award.

## PROCLAMATION - REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Commissioner Foster read a proclamation proclaiming Monday, January 19, 2015 as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and encouraging the citizens of Cedartown to work together to unite in their efforts by serving others and join the celebration honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

- With the assistance from Rome City Manager Sammy Rich and his public works staff the city was able to find a contractor to grind the natural waste at the Sixth Street brush pit. A deal was negotiated to grind all the material for the chips and cost of the fuel for the grinder.
- The Recreation Department reports that registration for youth basketball has increased from 75 last year to 115 as of last week. That is over a 50% increase and good work for a small staff.

- Bid requests have been advertised for a new street sweeper which is badly needed, the bids will be open for two weeks closing on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 2 p.m.
- The conditional use request that was originally on the agenda will not occur due to a discussion with the City Attorney. It has been determined that the conditional use definition for this location is not applicable. The request will be resubmitted as a rezoning application.
- The Recreation Department fundraiser raised \$2,500, Woodmen of America matched the \$2,500 and presented Lee Hayes the Hometown Hero award to Lee Hayes.

# APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard to continue on with the current Cedartown Municipal Court Judge Andrew Roper and Prosecuting Attorney Stephanie Drake Burford, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Andrew Roper as the Cedartown Municipal Court Judge and Stephanie Drake Burford as Prosecuting Attorney.

#### **FY2015 CDBG APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 1, 2015** in support of the FY2015 CDBG application in the amount of \$500,000 for sewer improvements in the CDBG target area.

# BEER & WINE PACKAGE LICENSE APPLICATION – PINKY K. DAMANI, APPLICANT - CEDAR INVESTMENTS, LLC LOCATED AT 101 NORTH MAIN STREET

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" Commissioner Foster voting "No" the Commission approved the Beer and Wine Package License Application for Pinky K. Damani DBA Cedar Investments, LLC located at 101 North Main Street.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Martin thanked the Commission for the confidence that they have in him to sit back and watch Chairman Tuck work.
- Commissioner Odom stated that it was a pleasure working with our new Commissioners Foster and Hubbard last year and he was looking forward to working with them in 2015.
- Commissioner Hubbard stated that he was excited about attending a February retreat for the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Needs in South Georgia.
- Commissioner Foster stated that it was a pleasure to have worked with all the Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk last year. He expressed that he enjoyed getting out and getting to know people and to share views with them.
- Chairman Tuck stated that there were several MLK celebrations this year and asked that all support this legacy of non-violence and non-violence protests. The youth parade of talent will be at Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. and the MLK Celebration at the Auditorium will be held on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

# ADJOURN

At 6:55 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Foster moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hubbard seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

	APPROVED:		
	CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION		
ATTEST:			
SECRETARY, CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION			